

Access Guide



A visitor guide to
provide accessibility
information



Pennsylvania
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Commission



If you have an access related question or feedback about your visit to Landis Valley Village & Farm Museum please feel free to contact landisvalley@gmail.com or 717-569-0401 (voice).

Relay and voice calls welcome.



Closed Captioning is available for the orientation film shown in the Visitor Center.

Please ask for assistance.

For assistance during your visit, please see staff at the Admission Desk in the Visitor Center or ask any staff member anywhere in the museum to answer any questions.

Aides or caregiver (1) receive free admission.

Access Services

This guide has been produced to assist and enable our visitors with disabilities to enjoy their visit at Landis Valley Village & Farm Museum



Large Print Map

A large print version of the site map are available at the Admission Desk in the Visitor Center. Please ask desk staff for assistance.



Wheelchairs

Several manual wheelchairs and one wheeled walker are available free of charge on a first time, first served basis at the Admission Desk at the Visitor Center. Motorized wheelchairs are permitted on the museum grounds.



Restrooms

ADA compliant bathroom is located at the Visitor Center. It is a single stall, all gender bathroom. There are other bathrooms in Visitor Center, Textile Barn and beside the Farm Machinery & Tool Barn. They do not have ADA stalls.



Water Fountains

There is an ADA water fountain in the Visitor Center. There is one near the Textile Barn bathrooms, but the room is not ADA compliant.



Service animals

Service animals are always welcome. Service animals in training are also welcome.



Seating

There are benches throughout the historic grounds. Some of the buildings also have seating available.



Resources and Services Available by Request or With Assistance



ASL-English interpretation is available free of charge for daily, and specialized tours and public programs by request with a two week advance notice. To place a request please contact us at landisvalley@gmail.com or 717-569-0401 (voice). Relay and voice calls welcomed.



We offer a cell phone tour of the museum. The cell phone tour is an audible tour at certain points of the property. It also gives interpretation in areas that do not have signage. A great compliment to your visit.



This is a service that utilizes artificial intelligence to connect people who are blind or visually impaired with a remotely-located AIRA agent.

During their visit at Landis Valley Museum, they receive complementary FREE access to AIRA throughout the tour.



OCR Apps (Optical Character Recognition) are great resources for text to speech. Just scan a label and the app will read the information out loud. Both are available to download on to your mobile device.



KNFB Reader



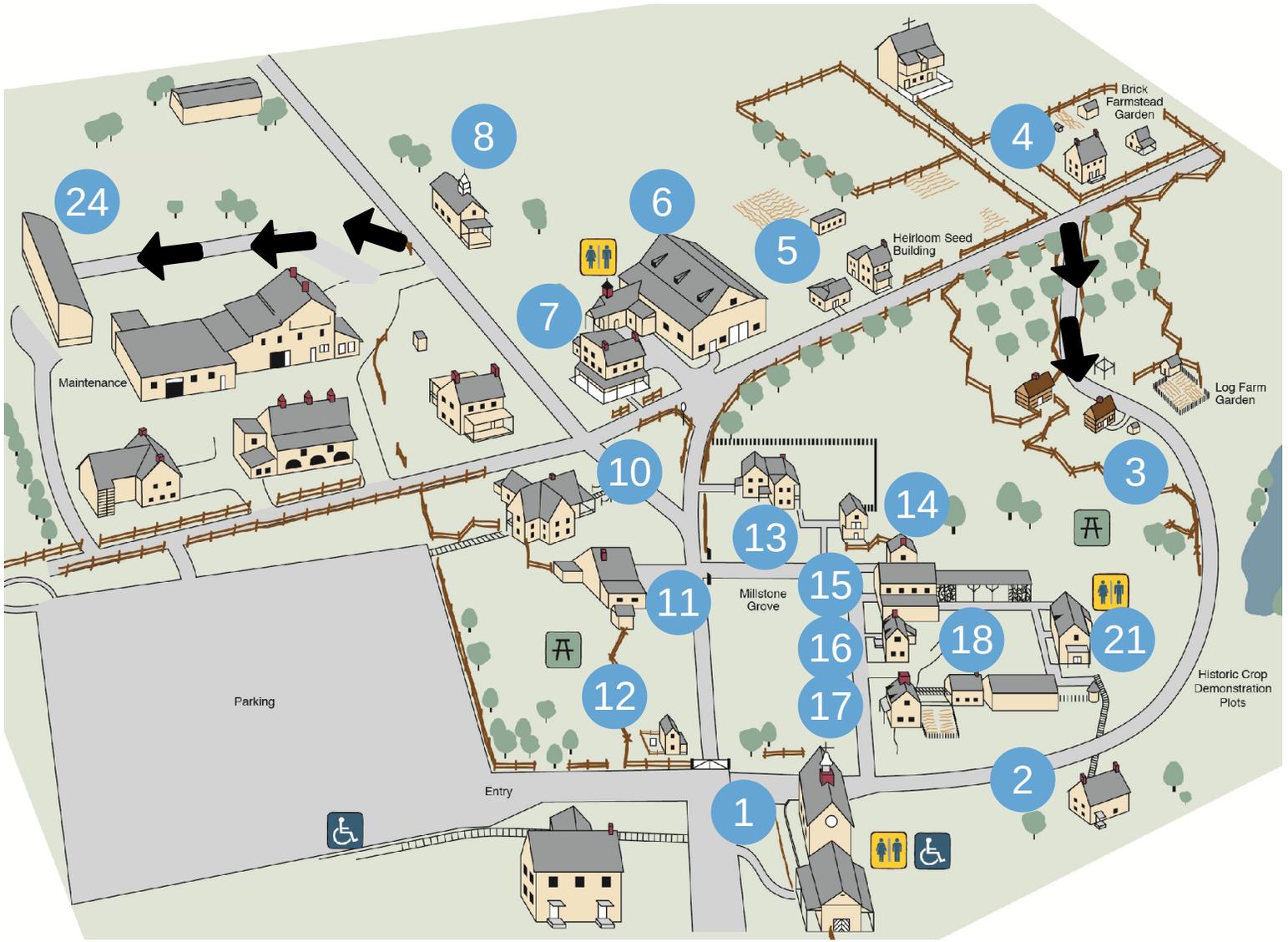
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Site Map Guide

This section will show you a map of the property and give you a listing of the buildings that are accessible and how to find the correct entrance. Also, lists buildings that are not accessible.





#1 Visitor Center-ADA Restroom

Ramp in front of building-Ring doorbell if you need assistance with opening the door.



#2 Sexton's House

Ramp in front of building, on the left side.



#3 Log House

Ramp in front of building, directly from the road.



#4 Brick House

Graded entrance to building. Must enter from back, through grass to brick sidewalk.



Inside Images:



Long Room



Kitchen



Bedroom



Sitting Room

#5 Blacksmith Shop

Graded access to the front of the building that is dirt/gravel. No handicap access to inside of the building.



#6 Farm Machinery & Tool Barn

Graded brick side walk to door. Two manual doors.



#7 Hotel

Exhibit area not handicapped accessible.

Inside Images:



Bar Room



Sign in room behind Bar

#8 Maple Grove Schoolhouse

Grassy area to get to building. Ramp on the right side of the building. One set of manual doors.



#10 Country Store

Ramp on the right side of the building. Knock on the door to gain access to the building on self guiding days (only).



#11 Firehouse

Not handicap accessible. This building is used for rentals, there is no exhibit inside.



This is an excerpt from the informational panels inside the building.

Early American Firefighting

In the 1600s and 1700s fire prevention or awareness was more prevalent in cities such as Philadelphia and Boston, than in rural communities. In 1678 New York and other cities had volunteer rattle watches. Volunteers patrolled the streets with rattles that produced aloud, harsh, rattling sound when spun. If a fire were discovered, they alerted the area. The first volunteer American fire department was the Union Fire Company in Philadelphia. Benjamin Franklin was instrumental in forming this company on December 7, 1736, and it had thirty firefighters.

Surveyor's Shop/Pottery Shop (beside Firehouse)

Not handicap accessible.

Inside Images:



Sign:

Like other early Americans, Pennsylvanians in the 1700s and 1800s used many thousands of pieces of pottery, from chamber pots and plates to pitchers and inkwells. Potters made the darker, redware or earthenware from the common clay found throughout much of America. To make it watertight, they applied a lead glaze (which was toxic). Many SE Pennsylvania potters came from a German background. They worked in the countryside and cities molding, hand-building or using a potter's wheel to make products ranging from roof tiles to flowerpots. Often customers picked up their pottery at the shops or potters delivered their wares by wagon.

The lighter buff or gray pottery, called stoneware, became very popular by the mid-1800s. Watertight without a toxic glaze and more durable than redware, stoneware was used primarily to store food and drink. By the 1850s canals and railroads had enabled many Pennsylvania potters to obtain stoneware clay, found chiefly in New Jersey & New York.

In the late 1800s people were abandoning the use of traditional pottery for other ceramics, manufactured glassware (especially canning jars) & enamelled metalware.

#12 Tinshop

Not handicap accessible.



Inside Images:



Sign:

Tin Shop

Tin ware is sheet iron or sheet steel coated with tin. Most tin ware was imported from England until the early 1800s. Before 1820, native tinsmiths introduced tools that led to more production and less cost. Rural Pennsylvanians bought most of their tin ware, from cake pans to coffee pots and ladles, from a peddler. By 1850 tin ware was used for household articles such as water cans, lamps, storage containers, drinking cups and stove pipes. By the 1860s factories manufactured and distributed tin ware nationally. Rural tinsmiths survived into the 1900s, but much of their time was spent on repair work and installing roofing and spouting.

#13 Landis Brothers' House & Stable

House-Ramp on the of the building.

Manual door. Please knock to gain access to building on self guiding days (only).

Stable-Graded to see into exhibit room.

Woodshop is not handicap accessible.



#14 Education Building

Not handicap accessible. This building is used for youth program. It does not have an exhibit.



#15 Yellow Barn

Ramp is located in shed in back of the building. Manual door.



#16 Erisman House

Not handicap accessible.

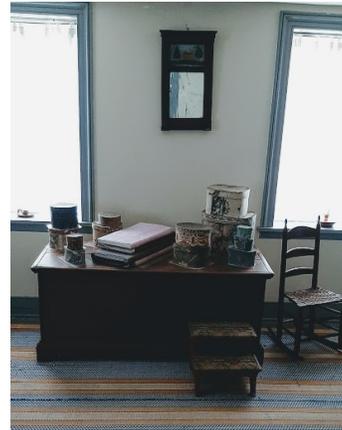
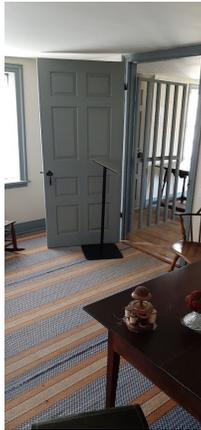
Inside Images:



Front Room



Kitchen



Sewing Room



Sign:

Erisman House

The structure is built of logs and covered with wooden siding. It was built around 1800 on Orange Street in Lancaster City and moved to the museum in 1962. In the mid-1900s, George Erisman operated a doll repair shop in this building. The Erisman house has been restored and furnished to represent a mid 1800s seamstress shop.

#17 Tavern

Graded to the front door. Manual door.



#18 Gun Shop

Graded to the front door. Manual door.



#21 Textile Barn

Graded to the front door. Manual door.



#24 Collections Gallery

Graded to the front door (see arrows on map). Manual door.



While visiting if you have any questions, or need any assistance please ask any staff member.

If a staff member is not available please call the front desk during regular hours of operation.

717.569.0401 ext 216

We hope you have a wonderful and educational visit!

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